



AGENDA
City of Richland Parks and Recreation Commission #10-2013
Richland City Hall ~ 505 Swift Boulevard ~ City Council Chambers
Thursday, December 12, 2013, 7:00 PM

Commission Members: Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Jones, Richards, Doran, Valentino, McBurney, Beck, Katipamula

Liaisons: Council Member Kent, Alternate Council Member Anderson

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval of December 12, 2013, Agenda

Approval of November 14, 2013, Minutes

Council Liaison Report

Recreation Report

Parks and Facilities Report

Public Comments

Presentations

Unfinished Business:

- 1) 2014 Parks and Recreation Commission Goals

Commission Comments

Adjournment

The Next Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting is Thursday, January 9, 2014

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MINUTES

Richland Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting #9-2013
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Thursday, November 14, 2013 ~ 7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Gutierrez called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Gutierrez, Vice Chair Jones, Commissioners Doran, Richards, Valentino, Beck, Katipamula and McBurney were present. Also in attendance were Council member Kent, Parks and Recreation Managers Pinard and Strand.

APPROVAL OF THE November 14, 2013 AGENDA:

Nancy Doran **moved** to approve the November 14, 2013 agenda as presented. Vice Chair Katipamula **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE October 10, 2013, MINUTES:

Nancy Doran **moved** to approve the October 10, minutes as presented. Vice Chair Jones **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT:

Council member Kent welcomed the public. Ms. Kent congratulated Greg Jones to the council. Kent reported the Regional Public Facilities District meeting for the Aquatic Center project will be the second Wednesday in March. Kent encouraged anyone with interest in that topic to contact a City Council member with comments and those comments would be forwarded to the RPF. Council Member Kent also announced the grand opening date of The Hanford Reach Interpretive Center, which is scheduled for the week of July 4 in 2014.

RECREATION REPORT:

Parks and Recreation Manager, Laurel Strand reported the following upcoming events as well as updates in the parks and community center during the month of November and December.

1. Winter Wonderland at John Dam Plaza, Uptown and Downtown Shopping Centers, Howard Amon Park and Community Center. Tree lighting ceremony at John Dam Plaza- November 30 (entertainment begins at 2:00pm, Santa will arrive at 4:00 pm)

2. Holidays by the River – Lee Boulevard dock and Community Center – December 13-14 - Model Railroaders, Tubadors, Sweet Adeline's, Chords men, Santa, Lighted Boat Parade and much more!

3. The Winter Edition of the E-Activity Guide became available to the public Monday, November 4th. Due to the on-line registration capability, there continues to be little or no wait, even for the most popular classes. The winter lineup includes several new and exciting classes, such as:
 - Smart Driver Training
 - Smart Phone and Tablet Workshop
 - Several Exciting Trips (Holiday Lights on the lake- Coeur D'Alene, Elk Feed and Lunch at Whistlin" Jacks- Naches, Mystery Trip for the Adventurous, Best of Broadway "Sister Act"- Spokane)
 - Start Smart Sports Development
 - Zumba
 - Renaissance Dance
 - Also...Five Dollar Fitness Room

****For a limited time –register for any Community Center Fitness, Yoga or Martial Arts class and add one month of Fitness Room use for just \$5. Complete your workout routine with a session on the Vectra weight circuit or get your heart pumping on one of the five different cardio machines.

4. Middle School Night Out – Friday, January 31 7:00-9:00 p.m.
 This event is a special evening for Middle school student's grades 6th through 8th.
 Dancing, dodge ball, foosball, karaoke, pizza, soft drinks, DJ and much more...
 Presale: \$6 resident/ \$7.50 non-residents
 At the door: \$7 resident/ \$8:75 non-residents

5. Basketball Season -Practices begin week of December 2nd, Games begin January 11th. Registration fee is \$44 resident and \$55 non-residents.

Ms. Strand also mentioned that the Community Center will have the hardwood floors refinished and the Community Center will be close the week of November 25th through December 1st. Strand informed patrons that staff will be available by phone and encouraged patrons to call with any questions.

PARKS AND FACILITIES REPORT:

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1) William Bell, Vice President of Tri- City Dog Park Society, 2839 W. Kennewick Ave.

Mr. Bell recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commission accept the revision of rules for the Paws-abilities Dog Park, which the revision would state that all dogs need to be spayed or neutered.

- 2) Debbie Berkowitz- Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society (LCBAS)
544 Franklin St.

On behalf of the Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society, Debbie asked that the commission revisit several Master Plans such as the Columbia Point South, Keene Road Trail Corridor Landscape, Streetscape and the Columbia Playfield Master Plan. Ms. Berkowitz expressed the concerns with functionality and development of the parks and how they would conserve and restore ecosystems, focusing on birds and wildlife, for the benefit of humanity and Earth's biological diversity.

PRESENTATIONS:

Dru Butler, President of Tri Cities Outrigger Canoe Club (TCOCC) presented an overview of the growth of the TCOCC this past year. Ms. Butler mentioned that the TCOCC participated in eight sprint and long distance races and placed in the top three in each of those events. TCOCC traveled to races throughout Washington and Oregon and some of the members also traveled to Hawaii, California and to international races as well.

Butler also mentioned that the 2014 TCOCC season will begin in April 2014. Novice and experienced paddlers are always welcome to join for recreational or competition. To become a member you must be over the age of 18 and be able to swim.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Paws-abilities Place rules revision

Parks and Recreation Manager, Phil Pinard presented the recommendation to Council for authorization of the revision to the Paws-abilities Place rules per attachment No.1. Mr. Pinard provided the following background for the revision which on September 6, 2011 Council adopted (by resolution) rules for Paws-abilities Place. Staff has been approached by the Tri-City Dog Park Society to add an additional rule to the list which requires that all dogs must be spayed or neutered to enter the park. Pinard explained that the addition of this rule will provide a safer and friendlier dog park.

Nancy Doran **moved** that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend to council authorize the revisions to the Paws-Abilities Place rules per attachment No. 1, Jones **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

2. Park Hours

Parks and Recreation Manager, Phil Pinard presented the recommendation the approval of new park hours of half an hour to sunrise to half an hour after sunset.

Pinard explained that the current park hours as established in the Richland Municipal Code Chapter 9.22.075 are 5:00 am to 11:00 pm. There are five proposed exemptions to the park hours noted below:

- A.** Activities for which a permit is issued by the parks and recreation department of the city.
- B.** Fishing during the hours the park is closed so long as the person fishing has the appropriate state licensing.
- C.** Putting boats into and taking boats out of the river.
- D.** Camping in areas which have been set aside in RMC [9.22.070\(D\)](#).
- E.** Individuals utilizing paved walking trails for walking, jogging, and non-motorized cycling activities.

It is also proposed to add to the list of exemptions lighted athletic fields/sport courts. Establishing park hours during daylight time (with the exemptions noted above) will limit activity in parks to daylight hours.

Vice Chair Jones **moved** that the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend that the Council new park hours of half an hour to sunrise and half an hour after sunset, Doran **seconded** the motion. Motion carried.

3. Parks and Recreation Commission Vacancies

Chair Maria Gutierrez announced the resignation of Dawn Bern.

4. Shoreline Master Plan

Parks and Recreation Manager, Phil Pinard

A Parks and Recreation Commission subcommittee met with Parks and Recreation Director, Joe Schiessl to discuss the draft Shoreline Master Plan. The subcommittee summarized the discussion to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Parks and Recreation Commission asked that Parks and Recreation Director, Joe Schiessl encapsulate the comments regarding the Shoreline Master Plan, into a letter to the Planning Commission to be signed by the chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION COMMENTS:

- **Kit McBurney-** Thanked fellow PRC members Nancy and Barry for their work in regards to the Shoreline Master Plan.
- **Samantha Beck-** Thanked everyone and is very appreciative to be back and looking forward to the year on the PRC board. Beck also mentioned the Walkability Open House and the public input in regards to the open house was outstanding.
- **Jackie Valentino-** Mentioned the Richland Senior Association gift shop and encouraged everyone to shop or donate Christmas items.
- **Barry Richards-** Wished farewell to Dawn Bern.

- **Shanta Katipamula**- Excited to be back and also was excited about all the public feedback from the Walkability Open House.
- **Nancy Doran**- Thanked everyone that attended the Walkability Open House and also thanked the all staff involved.
- **Greg Jones**- Wished farewell to Dawn Bern. Greg thanked Nancy, the patrons and everyone involved with the Walkability in Richland. Greg also announced that his last meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission will be December.
- **Maria Guiterrez**- Thanked everyone for all their involvement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Reviewed by: Joe Schiessl, Parks and Recreation Director

Approved by: _____
Chair Maria Gutierrez, Richland Parks and Recreation

RICHLAND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

STRATEGIC PLAN

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

2014



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1.0 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The purpose of the Richland Parks and Recreation Commission (P&RC) Strategic Plan is to provide for effective, measurable goals and performance standards to ensure the City of Richland Vision 2030 and the strategic leadership plan key focus areas and five year goals (2013-2017) are aligned and implemented.

This plan discusses the: City of Richland Vision and Strategic Leadership Plan in Section 2.0; Parks and Recreations Plans in Section 3.0 (specifically the Parks and Trails Open Space Master Plan); the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals and Objectives for Calendar Year 2014 in Section 4.0, and P&RC Goals and Objectives for 2014 in Section 5.0. The relationship between the Strategic Leadership Plan, the Parks and Recreation Plans and the Parks and Recreation Commission Goals are also identified.

2.0 CITY OF RICHLAND VISION AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP PLAN

The City of Richland Vision 2030 is outlined in the 2011 Annual Performance Report. In 2008, Richland City Council envisioned our community in the year 2030 as:

- a city of 77,000 people
- a city with a strong, diverse economy
- a city that has preserved quality of life attributes that its citizens value most
- a city with ample parks and cultural amenities
- a city with a healthy surrounding environment, accessible to everyone.

After establishing the vision, the council and staff developed a Strategic Leadership Plan, titled “Seven Keys To Unlock Our Future,” to reach that vision. 2011 marked the third full year in which the City has focused its projects and programs toward reaching that vision. The strategic leadership plan was updated and approved by City Council on June 5, 2012. The updated and most recent key focus areas and goals are:

2.1 Key Focus Area 1 - Financial Stability and Operational Effectiveness

Goal 1 - Implement and adopt a long term fiscal management plan and accompanying policies, as needed, to ensure financial resources are available to achieve visioning 2030.

Goal 2 - Identify, refine and improve our methods of service delivery, through continuous process improvement and performance measures.

Goal 3 - Identify and implement collaboration with other public and private entities in order to achieve cost effective services.

Goal 4 - Become a municipal government leader in integrated technology.

Goal 5 - Develop a comprehensive human resource strategy.

Goal 6 - Develop and maintain the City's ability to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against major emergencies and disasters, minimizing the loss of life and property, ensuring continuity of government, and facilitating rapid recovery.

2.2 Key Focus Area 2 - Infrastructure and Facilities

Goal 1 - Plan and provide infrastructure essential to community growth.

Goal 2 - Maximize existing facility and infrastructure life through sustainable maintenance programs.

Goal 3 - Develop a comprehensive, yet realistic energy policies.

Goal 4 - Plan solid waste disposal facilities and programs to achieve the community's long range fiscal and environmental priorities.

2.3 Key Focus Area 3 - Economic Vitality

Goal 1 - Increase retail sales tax per capita by recruiting new retail development.

Goal 2 - Increase primary sector, non-Hanford employment in Richland.

Goal 3 - Create an environment that fosters the recruitment and retention of young talent within the Tri-Cities.

Goal 4 - Promote and facilitate greater access to reasonably priced, high-level broadband services to Richland business and residents.

Goal 5 - Increase the non-residential property tax base by facilitating commercial and industrial development.

2.4 Key Focus Area 4 - Targeted Investments

Goal 1 - Implement the Central Business District and Swift Corridor Master Plans.

Goal 2 - Implement the Island View Master Plan.

Goal 3 - Support growth of the Research District that leads to increased private sector investment, job growth and technology innovation.

Goal 4.4 - Support the development of the Energy Park through collaboration with other participants.

2.5 Key Focus Area 5 - Natural Resources Management

Goal 1 - Balance private and public interests in the preservation of identified natural and environmentally sensitive areas.

Goal 2 - The City will provide services that promote sustainable environmental stewardship; provide a healthy and satisfying work environment for its employees; and minimize its impact on the physical environment of the community.

Goal 3 - Protect and enhance the City's water resources.

2.6 Key Focus Area 6 - Community Amenities

Goal 1 - Identify and invest in local and regional cultural, recreational, leisure and educational amenities that enhance resident's quality of life and promotes tourism.

Goal 2 - Create gateways, streetscapes, and public art features to enhance and beautify the City.

Goal 3 - Provide park and recreation facilities to meet the identified needs of the community.

2.7 Key Focus Area 7 - Neighborhoods and Community Safety

Goal 1 - Promote and enhance levels of public safety, livability, and attractiveness of neighborhoods and commercial property.

Goal 2 - Create non-motorized connectivity features that link neighborhoods, civic facilities, employment centers, parks, and commercial centers.

Goal 3 - Develop a strategy for revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods.

3.0 PARKS AND RECREATION PLANS

The Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space Master Plan set forth a plan for the protection, enhancement and direction of recreational property uses and activities in the City of Richland. This plan encompasses the Rivershore Master Plan, adopted in October 1999, and all the approved individual park master plans.

The Parks, Recreation Facilities and Open Space Master Plan, is an element of the City of Richland's Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP), adopted in December 2002 and updated in 2008.

3.1 Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP)

There are a number of policies and goals relating to parks and recreation established in the City of Richland CLUP. In order to understand how the P&RC goals and objectives align with the

CLUP the following provides the goals and policies as they relate to the City of Richland Parks and Recreation responsibilities as identified in Capital Facilities Element Section 2 which states:

The Parks and Recreation Facilities section of the Capital Facilities Element is based on information contained in the City of Richland 2006-2011 Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan (PTOSMP).

2006-2011 Parks, Trails and Open Space Master Plan Goals and Objectives from the CLUP are provided here for ease in relating the P&RC goals and objectives.

The City prepared the following specific long-range goals and objectives for the planning period 2006-2011. These goals and objectives have been modified from those that were developed in 2002-2006. A goal is a statement of the City's aspirations as it relates to park and recreation service. It is the desirable quality that the City wishes to achieve. Objectives are working and measurable statements, which identify specific steps needed to achieve the stated goal. Often, one goal will have a number of objectives.

3.1.1 PTOSMP Goal 1 - Provide an integrated system of parks, recreation facilities, trails and open spaces as an asset that enhances the community's quality of life.

Objective 1 - Develop a City-wide master plan for park and recreation facilities and programs based on the public need, and derived with public participation, and update it at intervals of no more than six years.

Objective 2 - Coordinate the development of City of Richland trails, open space and other recreational facilities and programs with other municipal recreational facilities development, where appropriate.

Objective 3 - Adopt City-wide park and trail signage standards.

Objective 4 - Develop and adopt a Master Plan for specific parks as necessary. Park Master Plans should be in place prior to the addition of any new facilities or extensive renovation of existing facilities.

3.1.2 PTOSMP Goal 2 - Protect and provide responsible stewardship of the community's unique natural habitat, ecologically sensitive and scenic waterfront areas, and develop public recreational activities appropriate to these venues.

Objective 1 - Develop wildlife and vegetation management programs for ecologically sensitive areas. For jointly held areas or areas adjacent to the Richland Urban Growth Area (UGA) boundary, work in collaboration with other agencies to develop management programs.

Objective 2 - Provide opportunities to view and learn about natural wildlife and vegetation areas without adverse impact to the subject areas.

Objective 3 - Provide public access and use of the Columbia River and Yakima River shoreline in a manner that accommodates various uses but limits their impact on the natural environment.

Objective 4 - Continue to acquire additional open space to protect significant landforms, critical habitat areas, and appropriate native vegetation areas.

3.1.3 PTOSMP Goal 3 - Enhance the community and region's cultural and historic heritage through features incorporated in community and regional parks.

Objective 1 - In cooperation with the Arts Commission, incorporate art in suitable public locations.

Objective 2 - Support the Public Facilities District in the planning and development of the Hanford Reach Interpretive Center.

3.1.4 PTOSMP Goal 4 - Provide diverse active and passive recreational opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages, based on needs.

Objective 1 - Develop aquatic recreation programs to maximize the George Prout Pool facility.

Objective 2 - Track participation and interest in organized and individual recreation to determine trends and changing lifestyles.

Objective 3 - Periodically survey the community to determine interests and willingness to support recreational interests.

3.1.5 PTOSMP Goal 5 - Extend and improve the multi-use trail system to link parks, community activity centers, schools, and employment centers.

Objective 1 - Complete "missing links" in present trails system.

Objective 2 - Complete off street trails from central Richland to Horn Rapids residential areas, parks and business centers.

Objective 3 - Complete the Keene Road Trail from Queensgate Drive to the west City limits.

Objective 4 - Complete improvements to the Riverfront Trail as designated in the Howard Amon Master Plan and Callison Plan.

Objective 5 - Reconstruct the Shelterbelt Park Trail.

Objective 6 - Complete the Stevens Drive Trail to Horn Rapids Road.

Objective 7 - Complete the Chamna Natural Preserve ADA Loop Trail.

Objective 8 - Complete the By-Pass Highway Trail from Van Giesen to Stevens Drive.

Objective 9 - Complete a downtown circular trail system utilizing Sutch Park, Columbia Playfield, Gillespie Parkway and Howard Amon Park.

3.1.6 PTOSMP Goal 6 - Promote community beautification through enhancement of public spaces and thoroughfares, and encouragement of private property beautification.

Objective 1 - Improve the appearance of all City-owned space and major thoroughfares.

Objective 2 - Promote programs to improve landscaping of private property.

3.1.7 PTOSMP Goal 7 - Fund facility development to the greatest extent practical with external sources of funds, e.g., grants, donations, in-kind contributions, fund-raising campaigns.

Objective 1 - Re-evaluate provisions for dedication of parkland or payment in lieu of new subdivision plats and revise if deemed desirable.

Objective 2 - Seek wider range of possible grant sources.

Objective 3 - Encourage in-kind contributions and fundraising campaigns from user groups within the community, and facilities if customer service, program/facility quality and consistency are maintained or improved and the economic impacts are favorable to the city.

3.1.8 PTOSMP Goal 8 - Develop new parks and redevelop existing parks to provide amenities in accordance with master plans and citizen input.

Objective 1 - Complete a master plan for the Shelterbelt Park and implement.

Objective 2 - Develop trail head amenities at Westcliffe Park including parking, restroom and drinking fountain.

Objective 3 - Continue to improve park safety such as replacing old playground equipment, overlaying and reconstructing trails as necessary and installing appropriate signage.

Objective 4 - Make improvements to Horn Rapids Athletic Complex to improve safety and improve attractiveness of the park including new backstops, removing trees, tree roots in the outfields, and providing greater distances between fields.

Objective 5 - Construct restroom facilities at all Community Parks, larger Neighborhood Parks and the Chamna Natural Preserve.

Objective 6 - Complete reconstruction and enhancement of the Howard Amon Park parking lot and Lee Boulevard in accordance with the Howard Amon Park Master Plan.

Objective 7 - Review master plan, update and revise as necessary and complete renovations, per the master plan, to John Dam Plaza.

Objective 8 - Acquire the land west of the ORV Park, between SR-240 and Horn Rapids Road, for off-road vehicle use.

Objective 9 - Support the development of additional outdoor/indoor aquatic facilities, preferably through a regional facility.

Objective 10 - Develop a plan for the addition of water play areas.

3.1.9 PTOSMP Goal 9 - Increase public awareness of park and recreation facilities and programs.

Objective 1 - Help citizens make full use of existing facilities through revised and clear maps and directions signs.

Objective 2 - Increase publicity through brochures, cable television, web site, event calendars, utility bill or newspaper inserts.

3.1.10 PTOSMP Goal 10 - Provide Recreational Programming for City of Richland residents.

Objective 1 - Continue to work closely with the Richland School District and special user groups to promote joint use recreation programs and facilities.

Objective 2 - Provide programs for elementary school age children, teens, adults and seniors.

Objective 3 - Provide programs that satisfy the highest demand or need while keeping up with the latest recreational trends.

3.1.11 PTOSMP Goal 11 - Maintain parks and facilities in a manner that exemplifies the City's passion for quality of life amenities.

Objective 1 - Seek partnerships or alternative funding sources for park and facility maintenance.

Objective 2 - Investigate and implement ways to reduce maintenance costs within existing parks.

Objective 3 - Create a public awareness and education class for citizen participation in park maintenance and development.

Based on the CLUP evaluations, several recommendations were identified to strengthen our Parks and Recreation continuing improvement. Park and recreational facility improvements will be met through proactive long-term planning. The City's goals and policies will promote the expansion of existing park land, open space, and recreational trails and green belts; establish set-

asides for parks adjacent to new development; support the creation of cultural and recreational facilities; ensure the allocation of land for parks in residential areas; and ensure that LOS standards are met. They will meet the state's concurrency requirement that local jurisdictions have facilities available as demand develops.

The Land Use Element of the CLUP designates substantial areas along the Columbia and Yakima Rivers as public facility, open space, natural open space, developed open space and agriculture. The land use changes, along with measures linking parks and maintaining adequate easements for Tapteal Greenway, will help maintain a healthy park and recreation facility network accessible for use by all Richland citizens. Specific linking measures include retaining shoreline views of the Columbia River near the Columbia Point development, incorporating the Tapteal Greenway into the City's planning process, retaining adequate easements for the Tapteal Greenway, and maintaining continuous open space and setbacks along the Columbia and Yakima Rivers.

Further measures that could be used to address deficiencies in parks and recreation facilities were identified as:

- Reevaluate developer impact fees to help pay for improvement needs associated with new development.
- Reevaluate process for developer land dedication.

4.0 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT GOALS FOR 2014

The PRD has identified and aligned **seventeen** goals within the seven key focus areas of the City Strategic Plan starting in CY 2014. Those PRD goals to be initiated in 2013 are:

Comment [GLJ1]: Make sure there are actually seventeen listed when done and make consistent when done.

Key Focus Area 1, Goal 2

- 2014 Re-evaluate parks and facilities work order system for optimum process improvement.

Key Focus Area 1, Goal 4

- 2014 Apply two new technology innovations/upgrades to provide optimal customer service for recreation, educational, leisure and community activities/events (continued from 2013 goals).

Key Focus Area 2, Goal 2

- 2014 Re-evaluate parks and facilities preventative maintenance plan for optimum process improvement.

Key Focus Area 5, Goal 1

- 2014 Develop a management plan for natural open space lands and river shorelines to allow appropriate public access with minimal impact to the environment.

Key Focus Area 6, Goal 1

- 2014 Develop four new activity partnerships each year with neighboring municipalities, non-profits, or private agencies (continued from 2013 goals) (i.e., John Dam Plaza Improvements of stage and viewing area).
- 2014 Partner with tourism promotion related agencies/committees to develop three new marketing strategies that promote tourism events.
- 2014 Increase participation within the Tri-Cities, of the Geocoin Challenge event to include 1,000+ participants.
- 2014 Increase public awareness of recreational activities including: leisure, educational classes, cultural, special events, and a variety of activities through development of four new marketing techniques.

Key Focus Area 6, Goal 3

- 2014 Increase the effectiveness of code enforcement in parks, for leash laws and animal waste issues (continued from 2013 goals).
- 2014 Survey seniors to determine need for developing senior playgrounds. If need is substantiated, seek/acquire funding and construct playgrounds.
- 2014 Expand Park Ranger program to increase oversight of activities, events, and ongoing education of park rules.
- 2014 Address Howard Amon Park picnic shelter reconstruction.
- 2014 Facilitate Badger Mt. Park parking lot expansion.
- 2014 Develop a management plan for recreational park usage that addresses heavy summer event programming and consequent adverse turf and tree impacts, in Howard Amon Park.
- 2014 Implement Columbia Playfield improvements
- 2014 Complete a needs analysis to determine locations of future water playgrounds.

Key Focus Area 7, Goal 1

- 2014 For qualifying parks, apply for CDBG funds to improve park appearance and amenities (continued from 2013 goals).

Key Focus Area 7, Goal 2

- 2014 Secure funding and construct the Vantage Highway Trail from Stevens Dr. to Kingsgate Way.

5.0 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION (P&RC) GOALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 2014

The P&RC annually identifies goals that further the development and enhancement of the City of Richland Parks and Recreation facilities. The goals must be measurable with specific performance objectives that can be monitored and tracked throughout the year. The goals and objectives must have direct ties to the City of Richland Vision 2030, the CLUP, and PRD Goals for CY 2014. The following are the goals and objectives established by the P&RC for CY 2014. The CY 2014 P&RC goals and objectives were developed based on the P&RC ability to have a more focused impact on the overall betterment of park and recreation facilities and activities.

For CY 2014 the P&RC has identified the following five (5) goals.

Comment [GLJ2]: May be more or less than 5 so make sure consistent when we are done.

- 5.1 P&RC Goal 1** - Continue the practice of inviting user groups and park lessees to make presentations to the Commission to foster partnerships and familiarization. [PTOSMP Goal 9, Key Focus Area 6, Goal 1]

Objective 1 - Arrange a minimum of five (5) user groups and park lessees to make presentations at the P&RC meetings/workshops/tours by end of CY 2014.

Comment [GLJ3]: This is a Jackie Valentino comment - We seem to have user groups coming but would like to see it more on a semi monthly regular basis. It's important to hear from people and their usage of the parks. I would also like to add that, if we have a situation like Lawless Park and the Disc Golf group come before us, we need to invite them back for a follow up to hear about the success/failure of our decision. Things have a tendency to "go away" after we are involved and I'd like to know that they are benefiting from the park in the intended way we agreed on.

- 5.2 P&RC Goal 2** - Work with staff in their effort to identify and promote partnerships with neighboring municipalities, non-profits, or private agencies for four new park and recreation activities. [PTOSMP Goal 1, Objective 4, Key Focus Area 6, Goal 1]

Objective 1 - Workshop with PRD staff in their effort to identify four new park and recreation activities for CY 2013. March 2013 P&RC Workshop.

Comment [nd4]: Keep this.

- 5.3 P&RC Goal 3** – Develop a short and long term plan aimed at making Richland a more “walkable city”. [Strategic Leadership Plan Key Focus Area 7, Goal 2]

Objective 1 - Subcommittee established in 2013 to develop a plan based on workshop held in November 2013 which establishes timetable, resource availability, and responsibilities - April 2014 P&RC Workshop.

Comment [nd5]: In principle what I like about this goal is the collaboration it encourages between commission and staff but I think first we need to know whether PRD will have something similar in their goals next year.

Objective 2 – Subcommittee holds a joint workshop with City stakeholders to present plan, actions, and proposed schedule. May 2014 Workshop.

Comment [nd6]: Some of what we do with walkability will depend largely on the outcomes of the November open house. Can't predict nature of what we should do next year yet

Objective 3 – Subcommittee presents results of workshops on walkability for P&RC recommendation to City Council to adopt plan. June 2014.

Comment [GLJ7]: These are just thoughts to stimulate

5.4 P&RC Goal 4 - Promote public safety in Richland Park and Recreation Facilities to enhance user friendliness and overall safety [PTOSMP Goal 8 -Objective 3 and 4; Strategic Leadership Plan Key Focus Area 6, Goal 3 and Key Focus Area 7, Goal 1]

Comment [nd8]: Certainly keep this but I think we need to have some kind of specific action as well. Depending on when the question of changing park hours is dealt with (this year or next) we can probably create a goal around that. Monitor impact of change?

Objective 1 - P&RC chairperson/vice-chairperson or designated delegate develop relationship with Richland Police Department (RPD) regarding parks, trails, and open space public safety - February 2013 PRC Workshop

Comment [GLJ9]: This is a Jackie Valentino comment - As far as the goal of the RPD involvement, I found out that I have to go through Joe, even with general questions, instead of talking directly to RPD so that's why more hasn't been done. I do think we need to continue with our efforts to invite them quarterly to our workshops, especially since the idea of the park hours changing was brought before us recently. It is a goal I think we need to keep on the list.

Objective 2 - Invite RPD to P&RC public meeting to discuss parks, trails, and open space public safety – Quarterly CY 2014.

5.5 P&RC Goal 5 - Support PRD in identifying and prioritizing unique natural habitat, ecologically sensitive areas, significant land forms, and appropriate native vegetation areas to protect as natural open spaces (PTOSMP Goal 2, Key Focus Area 5, Goal 1).

Comment [GLJ10]: This is Kit's comment: What constitutes unique? I would like to see a balance in protecting some percentage of open space relative to development. Kit

Objective 1 - Establish working relationship with Richland Planning Commission to jointly support PRD in identifying and prioritizing unique natural habitat, ecologically sensitive areas, significant land forms, and appropriate native vegetation areas to protect as natural open spaces - January 2013 P&RC Workshop.

Comment [nd11]: I don't think we really did anything on this but the Amon basin controversy has certainly shown citizen interest in the subject. One difficulty of course is that Amon is private land – the city doesn't have the money (or the interest) to purchase that acreage but there may be something we can do regarding other areas. Yakima bluffs or Columbia Point south

Objective 2 - P&RC, Planning Commission, and PRD establish agenda and hold a public meeting soliciting input to inform the identification and prioritization for protecting unique natural habitat, ecologically sensitive areas, significant land forms, and appropriate native vegetation areas to protect as natural open spaces - November 2013 Workshop.

Comment [GLJ12]: This is Kit's comment: I would like to see the addition of identifying and protecting areas that are functioning habitats or functioning wetlands as a result of situations like storm water ditch areas. As the continued development pressures increase in our area there are less and less open spaces available to enjoy and support habitat and this is a way to protect and incorporate smaller areas throughout. Kit

General comments

Comment [nd13]: Still think this is a good idea but we need to get on their schedule early. Planning commission has spent a lot of this year on the Shoreline plan but I think they are interested in meeting with us as well.

Comment [GLJ14]: This is a comment from Jackie Valentino but can't find the explicit goal she is referring to - In respect to working with other commissions I think we need to modify that goal that any time one of us attends one of their meeting/workshops, we should take 10 minutes at our next workshop to discuss what is going on with their group. We seem to get disjointed at times that some of us are up to speed on other commissions doings and the rest aren't. It's not always possible to attend other meetings however it would be nice if we were all informed, particularly when it affects our decisions.

General comments:

1. 1. Is the P&RC a steering committee or quasi staff members? Some of the goals & objectives appear to be written requiring action of the PR&C that seem more suited for PR staff.

Our goals and objectives are to align with the PRD. In this manner our goals are intertwined and not just something we do.

2. 2. What is the PR&C Charter & Mission Statement

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2.18.005 Purpose.

The purpose and intent of this chapter is to make available to the city council and staff an advisory body to provide additional expertise and citizen input relative to the provision of facilities and programs for recreation, environmental and cultural preservation and education and civic beautification in order to enhance the quality of life. [Ord. 42-92; Ord. 40-98; Ord. 18-09].

2.18.040 provides the "Duties."

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3.0 – PTOSMP Goal 8 – Consider park areas that may need to be part of a downsizing initiative due to changing trends/needs and fiscal limitations or safety. Not sure what you are saying here.

5.0 – P&RC Goals for 2014 Goal 3 – Perhaps this should be a staff effort. See response to #1.

Page 5 – 2.0 – which the City has focused. Done

Page 8 - Goal 1 – Objective 3 – City-wide. Done

Page 8 – Goal 2 – Objective 1 – UGA? Spell out. Checking not in PTOSMP.

Page 9 – Goal 3 – Objective 2 – Many citizens don't support the HRIC – Should we be coming aligning the PR&C with something that is not supported by the community? This is the PTOSMP and again not sure what you mean here.

Page 9 – Goal 5 – Objective 5 – Consider eliminating/other options (if this is the trail with the hazard trees). This is the PTOSMP and not up for change at this point.

Page 10 – Goal 6 – Objective 1 – City-owned. Done

Page 10 – Goal 8 – Consider elimination of park areas that are no longer feasible due to changing trends/needs and fiscal limitations or safety. Again this is the PTOSMP and not up for change at this point.

Page 10- Goal 8 – Objective 1 – Consider other options?. Again this is the PTOSMP and not up for change at this point.

Page 11 – Goal 8 – Objective 9 – Citizens clearly voted against this initiative – why is the PR&C aligning itself against the wishes of its constituents? They only voted down the initiative as “presented” not in spirit. During campaign the issue of development of additional aquatic facilities is still an issue and again is part of the PTOSMP.

Page 12 – LOS standards. Done

Page 13 – Key Focus Area 6 Goal 1 – Partner – Visitor & Convention Bureau – Regional Chamber- Tridac Not sure what you want here. These are the “goals” established by council. Do you want to add this???

Page 13 – Key Focus Area 6 Goal 3 – Coordinate with other stake holders to reduce conflicting event dates. Not sure why you think this is the PRD role talk more during meeting.

Page 14 – Key Focus Area 6 Goal 3 – Badger Mt Parking – Are there carrying capacities for each of the parks? Not to my knowledge – Joe Schiessel to address.

Page 15 – PR&C Goal 3 – Objective 2&3 – Staff? Not sure again what you are asking here. This is a PRC goal that continued from this year. Clarify.

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Subject: Concerning closing city parks a 1/2 hour after sunset

From watching the November 14th Parks and Rec Commission meeting I discovered that Parks staff is recommending and the Parks and Rec Commission agreed that the City of Richland Parks should close a half hour after sunset and reopen a half hour before sunrise.

I think this is a very regrettable decision.

The reasons for early closing of the parks seemed to come down to two reasons that I could ascertain from watching the presentation. The first was safety. Is it safe to be in the parks after dark? The second reason and seemingly the one that brought up the subject in the first place was a complaint from a neighbor adjacent to the park of the noise of kids playing Basketball.

I don't think either of these arguments are valid and here are my reasons why.

Safety

I watch almost all of the City Council meetings and Park and Rec commission meetings and read the newspaper everyday and I don't recall a lawsuit lodged against the city for injuries sustained in one of our parks after dark. In the history of the city it may of happened but it is not a regular occurrence. If safety is the driving concern then why are the bike and pedestrian trails exempted? I don't know if you have been on these trails lately but especially down at the original sections in Leslie Grove park they are pretty rutted and uneven.

Noise

It is beyond my comprehension why someone who lives adjacent to a park would complain about the noise associated with play. When they moved in did they think that the park was put there for their exclusive use? Is it just a large lawn provided by the taxpayers for their silent enjoyment? Did they complain when their children or grandchildren make noise in the park? Besides didn't the city council set a precedent at it's last meeting concerning noise. You said the train tracks where there before you moved in so any noise associated with them is exempt from regulation. Well, I suppose the parks were put in before or at the same time as the houses surrounding the park so your noise rule should apply there also.

I live at 123 Chaparral St.. Chaparral park is out my backdoor. I can't remember ever being annoyed by the sound of children or any park users enjoying their park. The only annoying thing is the dogs that start barking but thats not the park goers fault it is the dog owners fault. Any lit venue is exempted from the early closing so that allows the tennis courts to stay open. Is tennis really that much quieter a game then basketball? Doesn't this become somewhat of a class issue? You will allow tennis players use of the courts that are subsidised by the taxpayers at what seems to me an exorbitant amount compared to the amount of use they get because they have a very effective lobby of older, whiter more

affluent patrons. I ask you to consider how much the city spent on tennis courts this year as opposed to basketball courts in lets say the last ten years.

One of the problems in our country is the rising epidemic of obesity in the population at large and in children in particular. What message are we sending when we close our recreational areas IE Parks at 5.00PM in December? Shouldnt people of all ages be allowed to decide when and where it is safe to enjoy the outdoors in areas originally designated for such use? Or rather do we tell them stay inside, play on your Xbox, watch TV and we will criticise you for being fat and lazy?

As I noted above, I live adjacent to Chaparral park. Often times I go for a walk at night and opt to go out my back gate and cross the park on my way to Leslie Road. I will be breaking the law if it is dark outside. Don't you see the absurdity of that?

My last point is this is a taking. Another loss of taxpayer paid for amenities. Think back a few years ago when you closed down Columbia Point South to motorized traffic. The reason stated then was to build the Taj Mahal Reach Interpretive Center. Access to the point was lost to those who liked to drive in for fishing or to just bounce along the rutted dirt roads. When the Reach wasn't built did you open back up that portion of city property to the tax paying citizens? Of course you didn't. The right to use this property was taken away under a pretense that went away, and the original access was never returned. Now you may do the same thing to access to city parks for "Safety" reasons. If safety is the reason for closing parks you should consider closing the swimming pool because someone could drown and dare we take that chance?

I was lucky enough to grow up in the halcyon days of the 60's in Richland when children and teens were out playing at all hours. I remember marathon games of hide and seek at night, sledding down Carmichael Hill way past dark (yes I know that Carmichael Hill is not a city park but how long do you think it will be before the school board follows suit with the city and close off their grounds to match the hours of the city?). I think it is a real mistake to close the parks any earlier than 10;00 PM in the winter and Midnight in the summer (in reality I see no reason to close them at all but rule makers must abide).

I hope you will send this resolution back to the Parks and Rec Commission for further consideration.

Darrell Holden

123 Chaparral St.

Richland, WA

PS

Could someone pass this email on to the Parks and Rec Commission. I could find no email that applied to them but I think they and all commissions should have an email address so that the public can communicate with them.

Parks and Recreation Department November 2013

Recreation

Winter E-Activity Guide

The Winter Edition of the E-Activity Guide became available to the public Monday, November 4th, with registration beginning at 10:00am Tuesday, November 5th. Due to the on-line registration capability, there continues to be little or no wait, even for the most popular classes. The winter lineup includes several new and exciting classes, such as:

- Smart Driver Training
- Smart Phone and Tablet Workshop
- Several Exciting Trips
- Start Smart Sports Development
- Zumba
- Renaissance Dance
- Also...Five Dollar Fitness Room



For a limited time –register for any Community Center Fitness, Yoga or Martial Arts class and add one month of Fitness Room use for just \$5. Complete your workout routine with a session on the Vectra weight circuit or get your heart pumping on one of the five different cardio machines.

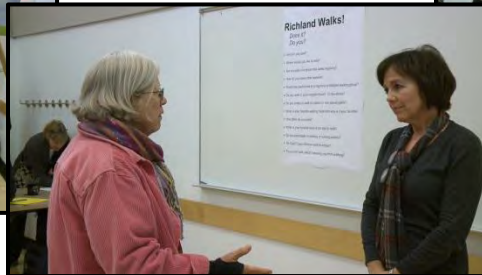
Richland Senior Association (RSA) Holiday Bazaar

On Friday, November 8th, the RSA hosted a holiday bazaar at the Community Center. A variety of vendors were on hand displaying their choices of handmade crafts and much more.



Richland Walks... do you?

On Wednesday, November 6th, several members of the community gathered at the community center for an informal open house on Richland's walkability. Parks and Recreation commissioners and Parks and Recreation staff collected comments, ideas and suggestions on what we can do to make Richland a better place for walking.



Tri-City Visitor and Convention Bureau Annual Meeting Trade Show

Richland Parks and Recreation teamed up with Kennewick and Pasco Parks and Recreation to host a booth at the Tri-City Visitor and Convention Bureau annual trade show held on November 7th at the Convention Center. The theme for the trade show was "Perfecting the Art of Tourism". The Parks and Recreation booth had an art class room design featuring depictions of landmarks in each city that were painted by a local artist.



Hardwoods at Community Center

The Community Center was closed on Monday, November 25 through Sunday, December 1 to allow the hardwood floors in the Riverview room and Activity room to be refinished.

Parks and Recreation staff was relocated to the City Shop building and were available by phone during the closure. Patrons with any questions or concerns were encouraged to call 942-7529 during the closure of the Community Center.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

The 300+ crowd cheered when they saw and heard the sirens and lights of the Richland Police cars escorting Santa and Mrs. Claus in a very classy convertible to the John Dam Plaza on Saturday, November 30. That wasn't all, the Kennewick High School Drum Line then escorted the famous visitors to their location where they were greeted by a long line of little people waiting to visit. McBones and Mid-Columbia Mastersingers serenaded the crowds until the lighting was right and Mayor Fox counted down with the crowd for the grand finale of flipping the switch to light the trees and animated displays. The visitors were then invited to the Richland Players Theater for a variety show.



Parks and Facilities

Relocation to Goethals Nature Playground

Wind storm stump in Howard Amon Park will find a new home at the Goethals Nature Playground. The large stump in Howard Amon Park left over from the December 2012 wind storm was moved by City Parks and facility crews and the Rock Placing Company. The stump was moved to Goethals Park where it will be incorporated into the nature playground.



Howard Amon Shoreline

With help from the Benton County work crew, the Facilities crew cleaned up the shoreline at Howard Amon Park on Monday, November 25



Planning and Construction

Lawless Park Disc Golf Course

The Columbia River Disc Golf Club has been busy installing the tee pads at James Lawless Park. The last report indicated that 14 out of 18 had been completed.



Gateway Projects

The gateway signs at Leslie Groves and Stevens/SR-240 have been installed and will welcome people to the City of Richland. Some additional rock placing and clean-up will be completed when the weather improves.



Service Projects

Friends of Badger Mt. completed trail work at Trailhead Park



Upcoming Events

Dec 13-14

Holiday by the River

Howard Amon Park

Dec 31

First Night Tri-Cities

3 Rivers Convention Center

Jan 31

Middle School Night Out

Richland Community Center